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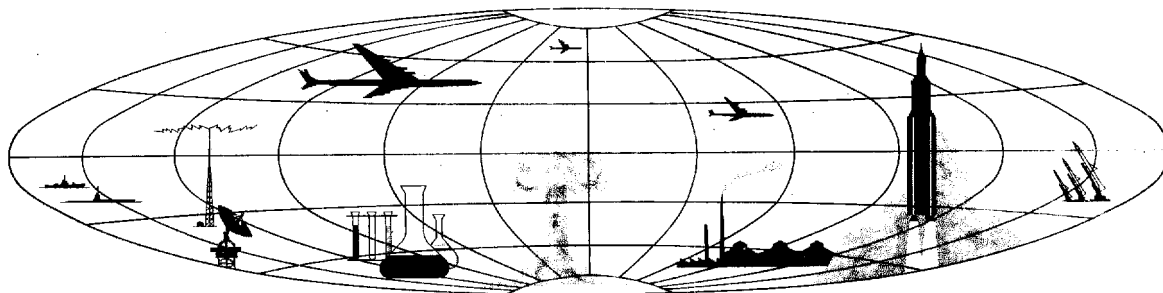
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THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION REPRESENTS A PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS OF AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY FROM BRASS KNOB MISSION 3472, DATED 7 MARCH 1963. THE NUMBER APPEARING AT THE END OF THE HEADER LINE IS THE COMOR TARGET NUMBER.

-MISSILES-

GUANAJAY IRBM SITE 1 2257N 08239W

25X1D

NO APPARENT CHANGE.

SAGUA LA GRANDE MRBM SITE 2 2239N 07951W

25X1D

NO ACTIVITY OBSERVED.

SAN CRISTOBAL MRBM SITE 4 2246N 08258W

25X1D

SITE ABANDONED. NO ACTIVITY OBSERVED.

GUANAJAY IRBM SITE 2 2257N 08236W

25X1D

NO APPARENT CHANGE. EIGHT TRUCKS IN SECURED PARKING AREA BETWEEN SITES 1 AND 2.

TAPASTE AREA, STORAGE SITES 2303N 08207W

NO APPARENT CHANGE.

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MARIEL SAM SITE 2300N 08249W

25X1D SIX OCCUPIED LAUNCH REVETMENTS, 4 PROBABLE CANVAS-COVERED MISSILE TRANSPORTERS, AND OCCUPIED GUIDANCE REVETMENT OBSERVED. OBLIQUITY PRECLUDES FURTHER INTERPRETATION.

HAVANA SAM SITE 2309N 08213W

25X1D SIX CANVAS-COVERED LAUNCHERS, 5 PROBABLE CANVAS-COVERED MISSILE TRANSPORTERS, AND CANVAS-COVERED GUIDANCE RADAR OBSERVED.

CHAPARRA SAM SITE 2107N 07626W

25X1D NO ACTIVITY OBSERVED. SITE ABANDONED.

SANTIAGO DE LAS VEGAS SAM ASSEMBLY AREA 2257N 08221W

25X1D TWENTY-SEVEN CANVAS-COVERED MISSILE TRANSPORTERS WITH PRIME MOVERS, NUMEROUS MISSILE CANISTERS, AND 2 UNIDENTIFIED VEHICLES.

25X1A

LOMA DE TIERRA, MILITARY CAMP 2301N 08213W

CAMP CONTAINS 8 LOWBOY TRAILERS WITHOUT PRIME MOVERS AND AT LEAST 150 TRUCKS/VEHICLES.

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[REDACTED]

25X1A

HOLGUIN SAM SITE 2052N 07627W

[REDACTED]

25X1D

SITE CONTAINS 6 UNREVIEWED LAUNCHERS, 7 CANVAS-COVERED MISSILE TRANSPORTERS, AND AN OCCUPIED GUIDANCE AREA.

[REDACTED]

25X1A

MANAGUA SAM SITE 2259N 08215W

25X1D

SITE APPEARS COMPLETE. FIVE TRUCKS OBSERVED.

[REDACTED]

CAMPO FLORIDA CRUISE-MISSILE SITE 2306N 08211W

25X1D

SITE CONTAINS 2 CANVAS-COVERED LAUNCHERS, 7 CANVAS-COVERED CRUISE-MISSILE TRANSPORTERS, 8 CRUISE-MISSILE CRATES, 8 ATS PRIME MOVERS, AND 7 UNIDENTIFIED VEHICLES.

[REDACTED]

-AIRFIELDS-

CAMILO CIENFUEGOS AIRFIELD 2229N 07955W

25X1D

AIRCRAFT -- 23 FISHBED, 6 FAGOT/FRESCO, AND ONE LIAISON-TYPE AIRCRAFT OBSERVED. INCOMPLETE PHOTOGRAPHIC COVERAGE.

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HOLGUIN AIRFIELD 2048N 07618W

25X1D

AIRCRAFT -- 12 FAGOT/FRESCO.

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SAN ANTONIO DE LOS BANOS AIRFIELD 2252N 08231W

25X1D

AIRCRAFT -- 4 FARMER, ONE FARMER WITH TAIL ASSEMBLY  
REMOVED, 28 FAGOT/FRESCO, 2 LIAISON-TYPE, 2 CAB,  
2 COACH/CRATE, AND 2 T-6.

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CAMPO LIBERTAD AIRFIELD 2306N 08226W

25X1D

AIRCRAFT -- 24 TRAINER/LIAISON-TYPE, 6 COLT,  
AND ONE PBY.

MARIEL NAVAL AIR STATION 2300N 08246W

25X1D

NO AIRCRAFT OBSERVED. APPROXIMATELY 40 VEHICLES AT  
EAST END OF RUNWAY.

25X1A

PLAYA BARACOA AIRFIELD 2302N 08235W

25X1D

AIRCRAFT -- 44 HOUND, 5 HARE, ONE CAB, AND 5 HOUND  
WITHOUT ROTORS.

25X1D

MANAGUA AIRFIELD 2258N 08217W

NO AIRCRAFT OBSERVED.

-PORTS-

MARIEL PORT 2301N 08245W

25X1D

VESSELS -- 12 KOMAR-CLASS PGMG, ONE KRONSTADT-CLASS  
PC, AND 2 PF. NO LARGE VESSELS OBSERVED.

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SURGIDERO DE BATABANO PORT 2241N 08218W

25X1D NO LARGE VESSELS OBSERVED.

HAVANA PORT 2308N 08221W

25X1D

25X1D VESSELS -- 29 FREIGHTERS (INCLUDING THE [REDACTED] AND  
POSSIBLY THE [REDACTED], ONE PASSENGER LINER  
25X1D [REDACTED] DOCKED AT GUASABACOA QUAY, ONE TANKER, 2  
SMALL FREIGHTERS, 2 SMALL TANKERS, 7 PC, 2 PF, 5 PT,  
AND 6 TRAWLERS.

25X1D

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CABANAS PORT 2259N 08256W

25X1D VESSELS -- ONE FREIGHTER.

-ELECTRONICS-

HAVANA AREA, COMMUNICATIONS CENTER 2300N 08226W

25X1D THIRTEEN VANS AND 7 TRUCKS OBSERVED.

-MILITARY ACTIVITY-

LA FLORA AREA, MILITARY STORAGE 2252N 08233W

25X1D EIGHT VEHICLES OBSERVED. AREA IS BEING FENCED.

ARTEMISA, MILITARY CAMP 2251N 08248W

CAMP INCLUDES 13 LARGE, 2 MEDIUM, AND ONE SMALL TENT,  
APPROXIMATELY 37 TANKS/SP GUNS, 6 SNAPPERS, AND

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APPROXIMATELY 52 EIGHT-WHEELED APC. THE 6-GUN AND 9-GUN AAA SITES REMAIN OCCUPIED. TWO CONCENTRATIONS OF PROBABLE PERSONNEL OBSERVED IN THE BARRACKS AREA. FOLIAGE AND SHADOW PRECLUDE DETAILED INTERPRETATION OF THE MOTOR PARK AND THE SECURED FROG PARK.

25X1D

[REDACTED]

25X1A

LA BOCA, MILITARY CAMP 2301N 08242W

25X1D

APPROXIMATELY 17 VEHICLES OBSERVED. NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.

[REDACTED]

CABANAS AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2256N 08252W

25X1D

NO VEHICLES OBSERVED. NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.

[REDACTED]

HOLGUIN AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2053N 07614W

AREA INCLUDES 62 LARGE, 30 MEDIUM, AND 75 SMALL TENTS, 40 TANKS/SP GUNS (21 OF WHICH ARE NO LONGER CANVAS-COVERED), 4 UNIDENTIFIED TRACKED VEHICLES, 189 CARGO TRUCKS, 20 UTILITY TRUCKS, 13 VAN TRUCKS, 12 TRACKED PRIME MOVERS, 3 POL TRUCKS, 22 FA PIECES, 15 CARGO TRAILERS, 5 TRUCK MOUNTED TREADWAY BRIDGES, 24 UNIDENTIFIED VEHICLES, AND 13 PROBABLE MOTORCYCLES. NINE SNAPPERS (PREVIOUSLY REPORTED AS 9 TRACKED PRIME MOVERS) ARE LOCATED NEAR THE 9-GUN AAA SITE. (A STUDY OF EARLIER PHOTOGRAPHY, BOTH HIGH AND LOW LEVEL, CONFIRMS THIS IDENTIFICATION). SUPPORT VEHICLES ASSOCIATED WITH THE SNAPPERS ARE 2 VAN TRUCKS, 4 UTILITY TRUCKS, AND 6 CARGO TRUCKS. AREA APPEARS TO BE SECURED. THE 6-GUN AND 9-GUN AAA SITES REMAIN OCCUPIED. PROBABLE COMMUNICATIONS SITE 1.1 NM NNE OF CAMP CONTAINS ONE BUILDING, ONE LARGE, ONE MEDIUM, AND ONE SMALL TENT, AND 8 UNIDENTIFIED VEHICLES. ONE BUILDING HAS BEEN REMOVED. CHANGES IN CAMP ARE AS FOLLOWS --- ONE SMALL TENT HAS BEEN REMOVED FROM ONE OF THE MESS AREAS AND 2 CARGO TRUCKS ARE OBSERVED IN THE AREA. FIVE SMALL TENTS

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25X1D HAVE BEEN REMOVED FROM AN AREA JUST EAST OF THE MAIN  
BILLETING AREA. ONE LARGE TENT HAS BEEN ADDED JUST  
SOUTHEAST OF THE MAIN BILLETING AREA. THREE VAN  
TRUCKS, ONE CARGO TRUCK, AND ONE UTILITY TRUCK ARE  
OBSERVED IN THIS AREA. THREE VEHICLES ARE OBSERVED  
PARKED IN A CLEARED AREA ADJACENT [REDACTED] 25X1D  
[REDACTED]

25X1D [REDACTED]

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MINAS, AMMUNITION STORAGE AREA 2307N 08212W

NO APPARENT CHANGE.

25X1D [REDACTED]

HAVANA, AMMUNITION STORAGE AREA 2301N 08226W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES. NO VEHICLES  
OBSERVED.

25X1D [REDACTED]

SANTIAGO DE LAS VEGAS AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2258N 08220W

CAMP INCLUDES 15 TANKS/SP GUNS (CANVAS SHELTER HAS  
BEEN PARTIALLY WITHDRAWN AND 2 TANKS ARE NOW  
EVIDENT), 4 PROBABLE FROG MISSILE  
TRANSPORTERS, AND APPROXIMATELY 35 CARGO TRUCKS.  
THE 6-GUN AND 9-GUN AAA SITES REMAIN OCCUPIED.  
NUMEROUS ROWS OF VEHICLES OR PIECES OF EQUIPMENT ARE  
LOCATED IN WOODED AREA. FOLIAGE PRECLUDES FURTHER  
INTERPRETATION.

25X1D [REDACTED]

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SAN JOSE DE LAS LAJAS AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2255N 08210W

NO VEHICLES OR EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

25X1D [REDACTED]

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TORRENS, MILITARY COMPLEX 2259N 08228W

25X1D HEAVY CLOUDS PRECLUDE INTERPRETATION.

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MANAGUA, MILITARY CAMP 2258N 08217W

THIRTY SIX LOWBOY TRAILERS (24 WITH PRIME MOVERS)  
AND 80 VEHICLES IN NORTH VEHICLE PARK.  
ELEVEN POSSIBLE VAN-TRUCKS AND NUMEROUS VEHICLES  
IN CAMP PROPER. SCATTERED CLOUDS AND CLOUD SHADOW  
PRECLUDE COUNT.

25X1D

PURIO, MILITARY AREA 2233N 07952W

25X1D NO MILITARY ACTIVITY OBSERVED.

NAZARENO, MILITARY AREA 2258N 08214W

AREA CONTAINS 18 TANKS/SP GUNS AND 10 VEHICLES/PIECES  
OF EQUIPMENT ON HARDSTANDS.

25X1D

CAMPO FLORIDA, MILITARY CAMP 2307N 08206W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES. SIXTEEN CANVAS-  
COVERED TANKS AND 13 TRUCKS OBSERVED.

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BAJURAYABO AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2308N 08210W

SEVERAL UNIDENTIFIED VEHICLES/PIECES OF EQUIPMENT.  
POOR IMAGE QUALITY PRECLUDES FURTHER INTERPRETATION.

25X1D

GUANABACOA, MILITARY AREA 2307N 08215W

ELEVEN TRUCK-TOWED FA PIECES AND APPROXIMATELY 10  
UNIDENTIFIED VEHICLES IN WEST AREA.  
EASTERN AREA CONTAINS 24 PARKED FA PIECES, 12 PRIME  
MOVER-TOWED FA PIECES, 24 PRIME MOVERS, AND 15  
MISCELLANEOUS VEHICLES.

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SPECIAL AREA ALPHA 2258N 08227W

NO NEW MILITARY ACTIVITY OBSERVED.

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SPECIAL AREA HOTEL 2301N 08246W

NO NEW MILITARY ACTIVITY OBSERVED.

25X1D

SPECIAL AREA BRAVO BLUE 2250N 08233W

NO NEW MILITARY ACTIVITY.

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SPECIAL AREA BRAVO RED 2254N 08231W

NO NEW MILITARY ACTIVITY OBSERVED.

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SPECIAL AREA VICTOR 2300N 08234W

25X1D

NO NEW MILITARY ACTIVITY OBSERVED.

SPECIAL AREA TANGO 2258N 08244W

25X1D

NO NEW MILITARY ACTIVITY OBSERVED.

TARARA LANDING BEACH 2310N 08212W

25X1D

NO APPARENT CHANGE.

-MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITY-

25X1A

SAN FRANCISCO DE PAULA, MUNITIONS STGE SITE 2303N 08218W

25X1D

NO APPARENT CHANGE.

MANAGUA, MUNITIONS STORAGE SITE 2258N 08218W

25X1D

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.  
THREE UNIDENTIFIED VEHICLES IN SECURED AREA.

BEJUCAL, MUNITIONS STORAGE SITES 2256N 08223W

25X1D

FOURTEEN POSSIBLE VAN-TYPE TRUCKS, 7 OPEN-BED TRUCKS,  
AND APPROXIMATELY 10 UNIDENTIFIED VEHICLES IN  
HEADQUARTERS AREA. NO APPARENT CHANGE IN STORAGE  
BUNKERS.

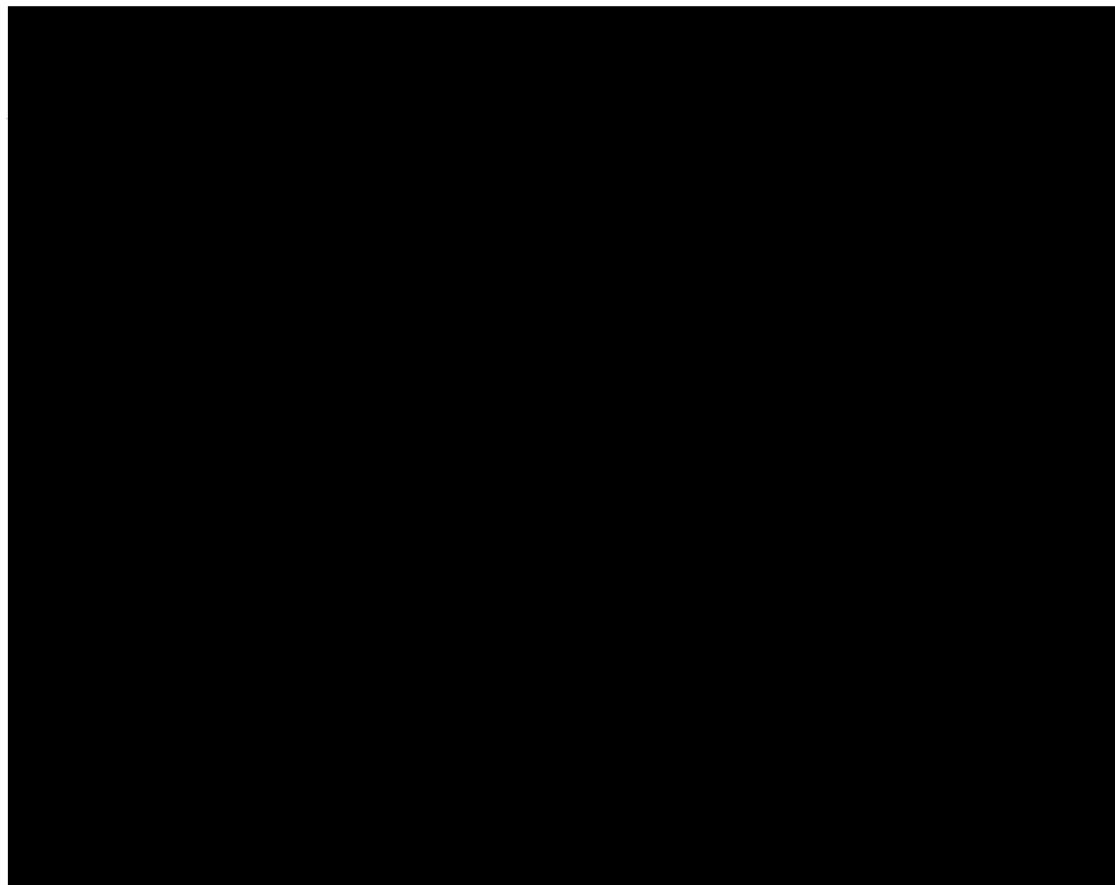
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SANTA CLARA AREA, MILITARY INSTALLATION 2224N 07953W

NO APPARENT CHANGE.

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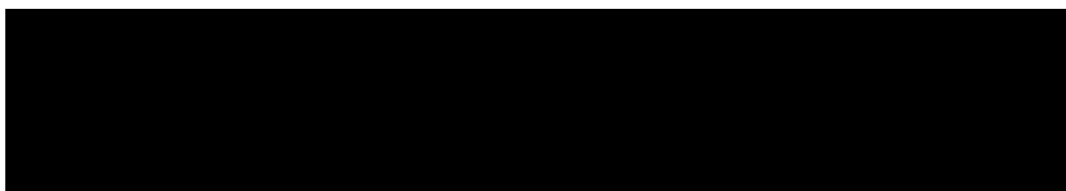


LA BOCA, INDUSTRIAL CONSTRUCTION 2301N 08245W

25X1D CONSTRUCTION CONTINUES.



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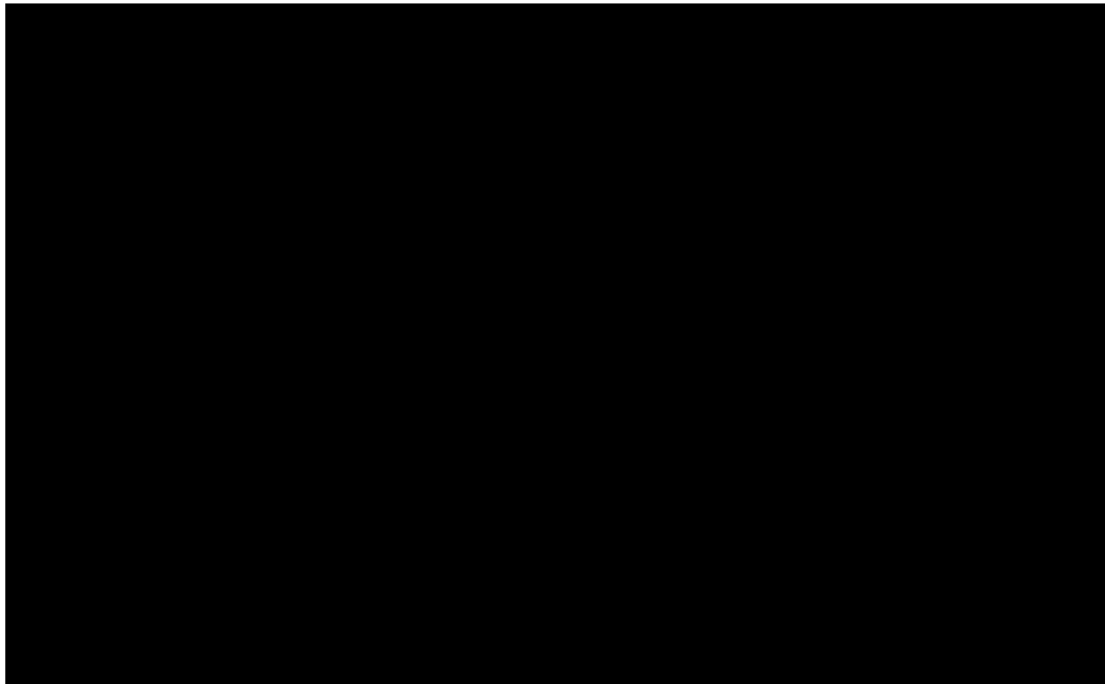


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-STATUS OF OTHER TARGETS-

THE FOLLOWING TARGETS COULD BE IDENTIFIED,  
BUT NOT INTERPRETED --

GUERRA POSSIBLE CRUISE-MISSILE SITE  
BAHIA HONDA, MILITARY CAMP  
REMEDIOS AREA, MILITARY CAMP

2300N 08250W  
2258N 08311W  
2227N 07934W

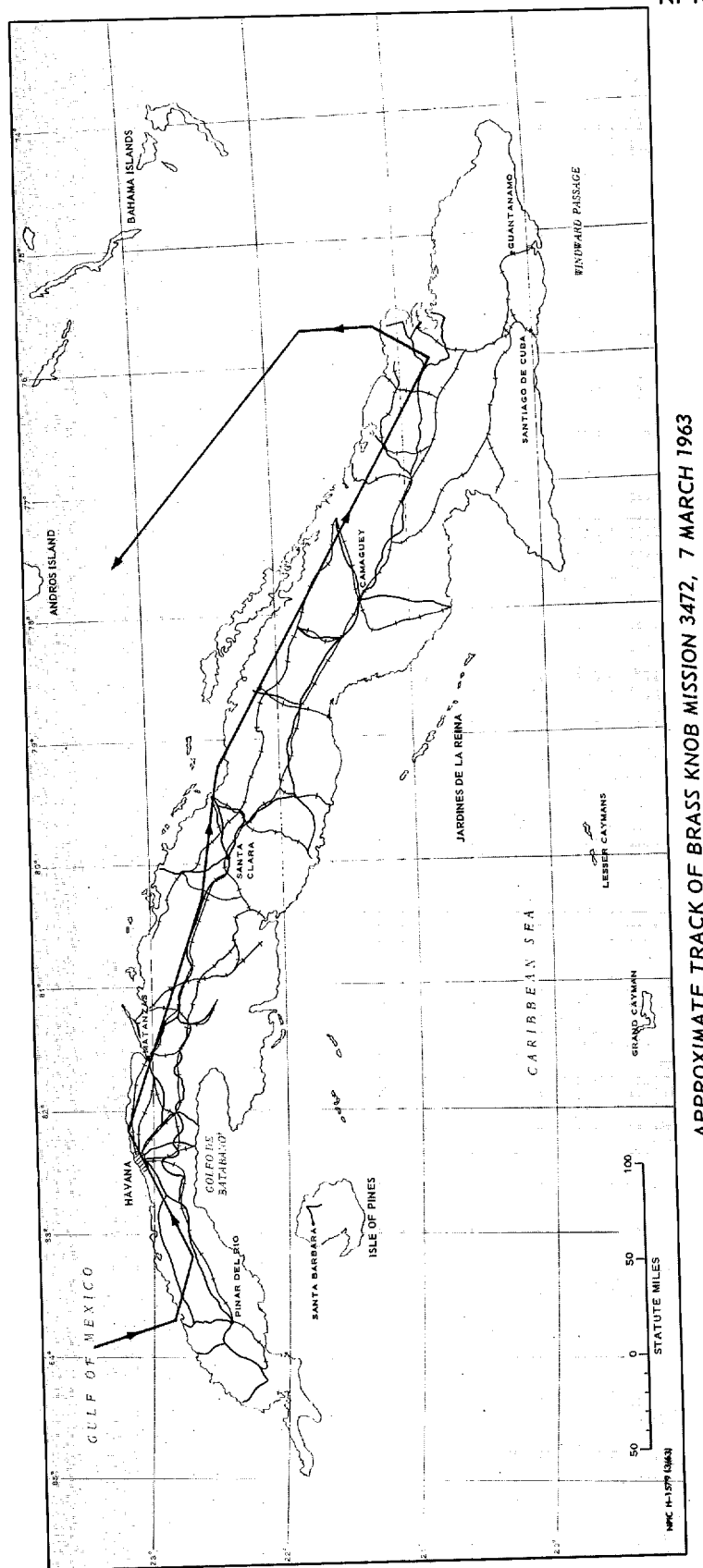
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